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SUBJECT: RWANDA WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL (9500205)

1. SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST: WE UNDERSTAND THAT OSG COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF DEPARTMENT'S INTENT TO SEND LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE RWANDA OPERATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AS AGREED AT THE DECEMBER 16 MEETING, AND THAT APPROPRIATE CLEARANCES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED. MISSION SHOULD SEND CONFIRMATION OF THIS AND TRANSMIT LETTER TO SECRETARY-GENERAL. HARD COPY OF LETTER WILL BE SENT UNDER SEPARATE COVER. END SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST.

2. AT ITS DECEMBER 16 MEETING, THE OSG AGREED TO SEND A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL URGING HIM TO PREPARE PROMPTLY A BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ACABQ TO CONSIDER PROMPTLY.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT USUN HAS CIRCULATED THE LETTER TO APPROPRIATE MISSIONS IN NY AND RECEIVED REVISIONS AND APPROPRIATE CLEARANCES. MISSION SHOULD SEND CONFIRMATION OF THIS TO DEPARTMENT AND TRANSMIT THE LETTER, WHICH WILL BE SENT UNDER SEPARATE COVER WITH A COVER NOTE FROM

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AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT, TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL. THE LETTER  
READS AS FOLLOWS:

"DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL:

THE OPERATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR RWANDA CONSIDERED AT ITS MEETING ON DECEMBER 16, 1994 THE STATE OF AFFAIRS FOR THE EFFECTIVE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA.

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WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE PROSECUTOR, WHO VERY KINDLY BRIEFED US PERSONALLY, HAS DECIDED TO BEGIN HIS OPERATIONS SOON, STARTING ON THE BASIS OF WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE IN THIS RESPECT BY THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND BY THE COMMISSION OF EXPERTS ESTABLISHED BY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 935. VIGOROUS, IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATIONS BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL PROMOTE PEACE IN RWANDA BY IDENTIFYING THE INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR ATROCITIES AND BRINGING THEM TO JUSTICE, THEREBY ALLOWING THE REST OF THE POPULATION TO TURN THEIR ATTENTION TO BUILDING THEIR FUTURE.

FOR THE TRIBUNAL TO SUCCEED, OF COURSE, IT MUST HAVE ADEQUATE RESOURCES. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BE IN A POSITION TO APPROVE EXPEDITIOUSLY ADEQUATE FINANCING FOR THE RWANDA TRIBUNAL SO THAT IT CAN BECOME OPERATIONAL QUICKLY AND BEGIN FULL-SCALE INVESTIGATIONS. WE URGE YOU THEREFORE TO PRESENT A BUDGET TO THE ACABQ AND THE FIFTH COMMITTEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOES NOT APPROVE A BUDGET, EVEN ON AN INTERIM BASIS, IN THE COMING WEEKS, IT SHOULD AT LEAST

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APPROVE COMMITMENT AUTHORITY THAT WOULD PERMIT THE PROSECUTOR TO BEGIN HIRING PERSONNEL BASED ON HIS PROJECTED NEEDS IMMEDIATELY AND BEGIN INVESTIGATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR PROMPT PRESENTATION OF THE NECESSARY PROPOSALS FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

WE ARE SURE YOU SHARE THESE OBJECTIVES AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS IMPORTANT MATTER.

WITH BEST WISHES,

SINCERELY YOURS,

TIMOTHY E. WIRTH  
CHAIR

RWANDA OPERATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP"  
CHRISTOPHER

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